Technology Resource Assistants
or
Technology Support Payments
as pertaining to the
Web-based Standards of Learning Technology Initiative

Note:

- **The Times New Roman, blue highlighted type represents language quoted directly from the Proposed 2001 Budget, as referenced at the end of this document.**

- The Arial, yellow highlighted type represents explanatory comments that have been added by the Department of Education for purposes of clarification.

19. Technology Support Payments

a. An additional incentive payment of $4,843,262 the second year from the general fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Education to local school divisions <u>for the purpose of providing on-site support for the Standards of Learning Technology initiative</u>. School divisions may directly employ technology resource assistants to provide this support or contract for on-site technology support services.

The funds that have been allocated are to be used by school divisions to:
1) hire technology personnel to support the division's high school(s) in the implementation of the SOL Technology Initiative,
2) assist in paying salaries of existing technology personnel who support the division's high school(s) in the implementation of the SOL Technology Initiative,
3) and/or contract with a vendor for on-site technology support services for the division's high school(s) in the implementation of the SOL Technology Initiative.

b. These incentive payments shall be based on the state share of a grant of $26,000 for every high school.

The amount of funds each school division will receive depends on two factors:
1) the number of high schools in the division
2) the composite index of the school division's locality
(For these specific Technology Support Payments, the state pays its share of the $26,000 per high school. This is NOT a flat fee of $26,000 per high school. The amount of the state's share is calculated using the composite index of the school division's locality.)

c. These incentive payments are available to any school division that certifies to the Department of Education that on-site support will be available in each of the schools receiving funds. Localities receiving these incentive payments are required to match these funds based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay.

In order to receive these funds, the school division must certify[1] to the Department of Education that:

1) the funds have been utilized to provide on-site support to the high school(s) related to the SOL Technology Initiative, and

2) the school division has provided local matching funds[2] that are equal to $26,000 per high school minus the state's share of $26,000 per high school, and

3) the associated local matching funds have also been utilized to provide on-site technical support to the high school(s) related to the SOL Technology Initiative.

[1] Details of the certification process to follow. Funds become available on July 1, 2001.

[2] For assistance in determining the amount of the funding provided by the state and the amount of the required local matching funds, please use the "calculation tool" (a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet) provided by the Department of Education's Budget Office. This "calculation tool" may be downloaded from the following web page:
http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Finance/Budget/calctools.html

Note: These funds are currently only available for the 2nd year of this biennium, or the state fiscal year of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. These funds may or may not be included in the future 2002 – 2004 state budget.

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http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?011+bud+11-143

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